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Installation of Tubewells in Phulpur Parliamentary constituency, Uttar Pradesh

1982. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOUCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the installation of tubewells in the State specially in Phulpur Parliamentary constituency with the assistance of World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal, namely, Third Uttar Pradesh Public Tubewell project envisages construction of 1000 new tubewells, connection of 1500 old tubewells to dedicated power lines and modernisation of 500 old tubewells in 16 Districts of Uttar Pradesh, including Allahabad. The corresponding number of tubewells in Allahabad District, which includes Phulpur Parlamentary Constituency, are 100, 100 and 50 respectively.

(c) Preliminary comments on the project have been received from the World Bank which have been communicated to the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The project needs to be reformulated by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[*English*]

High Power T.V. Transmitter at Mau in U.P.

1983. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a high power T.V. transmitter at Mau in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the area is already covered by the existing Doordarshan Kendras of Varanasi and Gorakhpur;

(c) if so the estimated cost of the installation; and

(d) the reasons for setting up T.V. transmitter at Mau in Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area envisaged to be covered by the proposed high power TV transmitter at Mau is not covered by Varanasi and Gorakhpur TV transmitters as per the international standards. however, parts of the area proposed to be covered by HPT at Mau are getting firings area weak signal of existing TV transmitters at Varanasi and Gorakhpur.

(c) The approved capital cost of the project for establishment of a high power TV transmitter at Mau is Rs. 870.71 lakhs.

(d) It has been planned to set up a high power TV transmitter at Mau for providing TV coverage to the densely populated area comprising parts of the districts of Azamgarh, Ballia and Ghazipur which lie within a range of about 45 kms from the proposed transmitter.

The area to be covered by this proposed transmitter is one of the most densely popu-

lated areas of the country with a population density, as per 1981 census, of about 600 per sq km The transmitter will benefit about 32 97 lakh predominantly rural, backward area population

Shortage of Raw Material for Mini Steel Plants

1984 SHRI ANBARASU ERA Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a ban for the import of iron scrap;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the mini steel plants are facing acute shortage of raw materials due to this ban,

(c) if so, the steps taken to avoid the closure of mini steel plants, and

(d) if no steps are being taken, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) No, Sir

(b) The reduced availability of free foreign exchange with the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC) and the high cost of steel melting scrap imported directly by the users did lead to a fall in scrap imports which has affected the production in the mini steel plants

(c) Government have reduced the customs duty on carbon steel melting scrap from 35% to 10% which will make it easier for the mini steel plants to import scrap. A major thrust is also being given to increasing production of sponge iron in the country to improve the domestic availability of raw materials for the min steel plants

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Power Deterioration in Assam Due to Non-Availability of Spare Parts

1985 SHRI PROBIN DEKA Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the power position in Assam is deteriorating following non-availability of spare parts, and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the power position there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) According to the Assam State Electricity Board power supply position in Assam was not satisfactory from 14 2 1992 to 29 2 1992 partly due to non-availability of spare parts and outage of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station units due to tube leakage The situation has since improved with the re-commissioning of the shut down unit

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

1986 DR LAL BAHADUR RAWAL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme for the expansion of [illegible] exchanges in various districts of Uttar Pradesh Particularly Aligarh, and

(b) if so, the names of the telephone exchanges proposed to be modernise and expanded in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE